

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title ELECTROACTIVE POLYMER, DEVICE MADE THEREFROM AND METHOD

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on June 21, 2006, in connection with the above-identified U.S. Patent Application. As the one-month period for response expires on July 21, 2006, this response is timely filed.

**REMARKS**

The Office Action states that the present application contains four distinct inventions, and requires restriction to one of the following Groups:

Group I	Claims 1-21
Group II	Claims 22-26
Group III	Claims 27-28
Group IV	Claims 29-49

The Office action also states that claims 1, 15, 22, 27, 29 and 45 are generic to the 2-(7-benzothiazolyl)-9,9-disubstituted fluorene species and requires an election of a single ultimate disclosed species.

Applicant elects Group IV, claims 29-49, without traverse, and 2-bromo-7-benzothiazolyl-9,9'-dioctylfluorene as the single ultimate disclosed species. As noted above, claim 29 is generic to the species.

Respectfully submitted,

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